

Texas to Washington. It was also a special privilege to be able to give them a tour of our Nation's Capitol, many for the first time.

There is no doubt that their hard work and dedication to choir instilled in them by their director, Tammy Benton, will continue to pay dividends for the rest of their lives.

I sincerely congratulate them and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

#### HONORING HARRY BOTT

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2005*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Harold Bott is a lifelong resident of the Bronx, the son of immigrant parents, who has worked to make his home borough a better place for all. He followed his father into the plumbing business, eventually establishing a successful contracting company. But he never forgot his community and his efforts to help were continual and tireless. He moved to Woodlawn in 1972 with his wife Loretta and their two children and he brought that same sense of community to his new neighborhood. He organized the annual 239th Street Block Party, which was a success every year. He worked with the Boys Club, organized and assisted with the June walk, the placement of flags on Katonah Avenue, the Christmas display, and also served as president of the Woodlawn Taxpayers Association. He also organized a 9/11 Memorial Tribute, the annual Veterans Day celebration, and free tennis lessons for children. He has given selflessly of himself and has served as a role model for how to improve a community. Tonight he is being honored for his contributions to the Woodlawn community and I stand with the residents of that neighborhood in thanking him for his many contributions.

#### IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF RITA D. LYNCH

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Rita D. Lynch, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, dedicated public servant, community activist, and dear friend to many, including myself.

Mrs. Lynch's passing marks a great loss for her family and friends, and also for the people of Cleveland's west side neighborhood, whom she served with the highest level of commitment and integrity. For nearly 30 years, Mrs. Lynch volunteered her time and talents as a member of the board of the directors with Cudell Improvement, Inc., a non-profit neighborhood organization, working on projects and implementing programs focused on uplifting all aspects of the community. Her dedication to the organization and to her neighborhood is reflected throughout Ward 18 in the City of Cleveland.

Family, friends, faith and community were central to her life. Mrs. Lynch and her late husband, Robert, often worked together on

issues of neighborhood concern. Her grown children, John and Maryann, were instilled with the values of hard work, kindness and giving to others. Mrs. Lynch's service to others continues to illuminate the hope and promise of a better day for the people of this diverse Cleveland community.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Rita D. Lynch. Mrs. Lynch lived life with a generous heart and great energy for life. Her legacy of activism and spirit of volunteerism will be remembered always, forever reflecting along Detroit Avenue, Edgewater Road and Clifton Boulevard, and she will never be forgotten.

#### PEDIATRIC CANCER INROADS AT UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

#### HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2005*

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, there is exciting news recently from the University of Florida, in Gainesville, Florida, in the fight against pediatric cancer. UF scientists believe that they have linked stem cells to a certain type of childhood bone cancer. This discovery could eventually be the key to treating osteosarcoma, the most common form of bone malignancy among children.

Osteosarcoma is a highly aggressive cancer that kills 40 percent of the children diagnosed, most of whom are between the ages of 10 and 20. Currently the only treatment is year-long doses of chemotherapy and radical surgery. Scientists contend that these stem cells, which have also been linked to cancers such as leukemia and more recently breast cancer, are the only cells that freely replicate and the ability to target these cells will allow doctors to develop new forms of therapy that are much less toxic and far less invasive than existing treatments. Good work and a hopeful prognosis, UF researchers.

#### CLEAVER EXPLAINS CIVIL RIGHTS—BASED OPPOSITION TO ALTO CONFIRMATION

#### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2005*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, one of the most thoughtful Members to join us in recent years is the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLEAVER) who as a former Mayor of Kansas City makes very significant contributions to the work of our Committee on Financial Services, which has jurisdiction over urban affairs.

The gentleman from Missouri is also a civil rights leader, and as a minister is very much in the tradition of those in that profession who have provided moral leadership in the long and continuing fight against racism and its effects. Recently, in the Kansas City, Missouri newspaper, *The Call*, in the issue for the week of December 9th–December 15th, our colleague laid out in a very persuasive and reasoned fashion the objections to the confirmation of Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court that

arise from his record on civil rights. I believe that this very useful analysis makes a significant contribution to the national debate on this question and I ask that it be printed here.

[From *The Call*, Dec. 9–15, 2005]

ALITO: A THREAT TO CIVIL RIGHTS

(By Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II, 5th Congressional District)

KANSAS CITY, MO.—In a almost every news story about President Bush's latest Supreme Court nominee, Samuel Alito, the subject of *Roe v. Wade*, the Court's 1973 decision guaranteeing women the right to choose to have abortions has been the focus. Unfortunately, minorities are not receiving "much information on Alito's awful" attitudes on issues of civil rights. In fact, a November 14 edition of *Newsweek*, which carried a seven page story on Alito, did not bother to discuss civil rights.

One case that sheds badly needed light on Alito's disgraceful civil rights record involved Beryl Bray; an African American house-keeping, manager at a Park Ridge, N.J. Marriott Hotel. Ms. Bray appealed to a trio of federal judges that she had been turned down on a promotion in the Marriott operation because she "was black. Two judges wrote that enough evidence had been presented to, justify a jury trial. You guessed it, Samuel A. Alito Jr. dissented.

He downplayed the whole matter by writing that the hotel had simply made "minor inconsistencies" in how they handled hirings; Alito went further in, saying that it would be unfair to allow "disgruntled employees to impose the cost of trial of employers who, although they have not acted with the intent to discriminate, may have treated their employees unfairly."

The two judges with a different view of the case felt so strongly about their evidence that they broke. With tradition and actually criticized Alito's written opinion. According to this fellow judges in *Bray v. Marriott hotels*, Alito's position would have "eviscerated" legal protection under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. The majority said that Alito's position would protect employers from suit even in situation where "the employer's belief that it had selected the "best" candidate "was the result of conscious racial bias."

In a 2001 racial discrimination case, Alito, cast the deciding vote and wrote the opinion in a 2-1 ruling that rejected claims by African American defendant who had been convicted of felony murder by an all-white jury from which black jurors had been impermissible struck because of their race.

The full Third Circuit reversed this ruling, and the majority specifically criticized Alito for having compared statistical evidence about the prosecution's exclusion of blacks from juries in capital cases to an explanation of why a disproportionate number of recent U.S. Presidents have been left-handed: Judge Dolores Sloviter, in *Riley v. Taylor* wrote that Alito overlooked the obvious fact that there is no provision in the Constitution that protects persons from discrimination based on whether they are right handed or left-handed. To compare the striking of jurors based their race is to minimize the history of discrimination against prospective, black jurors and black defendants.

My colleague, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, a former head of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and a distinguished constitutional scholar in her own right, told me that Alito, in her opinion is dangerous to civil rights.

Ms. Norton has studied Alito's opinions and has led the Congressional Black Caucus in its opposition to the extremely conservative judge. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-

Mass.) has stated through a spokeswoman that: ??? when it comes down to it, he's on the wrong side of civil rights." I strongly agree with the Senator. I reviewing the opinions of Alito, even with my law laity status, I have concluded beyond logical challenge, that this nominee has repeatedly made difficult for those claiming to have been victims of discrimination to prove it or to even get a trial.

Should Alito receive Senate confirmation, he will replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who often cast the critical swing vote that protected civil rights. Alito's addition to the Court means that it will clearly move to the right. With affirmative action, Voting Rights Act reauthorization and other issues likely to be considered by the Supreme Court, it would behoove minorities and people of good will to seek additional information, should they desire such, and in the opinion of the 60's soul group Charles Wright and the Watts 103 Street Rhythm Band, "Express Yourself!"

IN HONOR OF DR. JULIAN M. EARLS, DIRECTOR, NASA GLENN RESEARCH CENTER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Julian M. Earls, upon his retirement as Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Earls' service at NASA Glenn reflects 4 decades of leadership, accomplishment and discovery.

Dr. Earls' exemplary service and expertise within the ever-transforming frontier of space aeronautics began at NASA Glenn in 1965 and is a legacy that spiraled from a brilliant academic foundation. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Norfolk State University, a master's degree in radiation biology from the University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, and a doctorate degree in radiation physics from the University of Michigan.

His exceptional standing at NASA Glenn was framed by integrity, vision, innovation and accomplishment. His incredible intellect was equally matched by his congenial nature and his ability to form vital bonds with staff members and with local, national and international leaders in the field of aeronautics. Dr. Earls' work included the development and direction of programs necessary to accomplish the missions of the Center. His work spanned the scope of research, technology, and systems development programs in aeronautical propulsion, space propulsion, space power, space communications, and micro-gravity sciences in combustion and fluid physics. Dr. Earls has written for 28 educational and technological journals and he wrote the first health physics guides for NASA Glenn.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Julian M. Earls, whose integrity, expertise, commitment and leadership has infused energy and possibility throughout all operations at NASA Glenn Research Center. His 40-year legacy of achievement and leadership will continue to exist as a foundation of learning and exploration, where the promise of dreams, discovery and

hope take flight. I wish Dr. Earls and his family an abundance of good health and happiness, today and always.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANBURY LADY PIRATES' COACH LETA ANDREWS ON HER RECORD SETTING 1218TH VICTORY

**HON. CHET EDWARDS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2005*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true champion for public education and women's athletics, Leta Andrews of Granbury, Texas, head coach of the Granbury Lady Pirates' basketball team. Coach Andrews recently recorded her 1218th victory, making her the winningest girls' high school basketball coach in U.S. history. Since coaching her first game in 1962, Coach Andrews has come to personify the values of hard work, dedication, and responsibility that she has instilled in her players over the years.

Coach Andrews is now in a category of her own making because of her commitment to excellence and unique ability to motivate, mold, and mentor young lives. While we honor her coaching success on the basketball court, it is her positive example and lasting influence on the lives of her players off the court that will be remembered most. That remarkable achievement alone is enough to qualify her for anyone's hall of fame.

Coach Andrews's impact on women's athletics will continue for years to come. We can all rest assured that Coach Andrews's exemplary mark on history will serve as an inspiration for teachers and coaches of all sports everywhere.

At this time, it is my privilege to honor the extraordinary achievements of Coach Leta Andrews in her 44 years of coaching and I personally want to thank her for the shining example to us all and wish her well in future endeavors.

HONORING JERRY AND LILLIAN FRIEDMAN

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2005*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Jerry and Lillian Friedman are celebrating their 50th anniversary, two wonderful people who have worked as much for their community as for themselves.

Jerry was a Brooklyn boy who saw the light and moved to the Bronx. There he met Lillian and in 1955 they married. They have two children, Evelyn and Stuart, a son-in-law, Mark, and two grandchildren, Sophie and Benjamin.

Lillian was a Girl Scout, and when their daughter was old enough to join the Scouts, Lillian became a Girl Scout Leader. Jerry was a Boy Scout in Brooklyn, and later a Scoutmaster as part of a 65-year relationship with the Scouts.

They were both involved in their communities. They organized tenant-help groups, leading to lower rents and improved upkeep of

the apartments. In Co-Op City in the Bronx they helped to form a building association with Jerry eventually becoming a member of the Board of Directors and First Vice President.

Both were also active in local Democratic politics.

Jerry and Lillian are the kind of people who make a community more of a community. I ask all who believe in love to join me in celebrating their 50 years together.

TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARK HASS

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2005*

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and the people of Washington County, Oregon to thank State Representative Mark Hass for his service. His enthusiasm, dedication and success can be attributed to one simple thing: a love for Oregon. Representative Hass chose to turn his compassion into action; to make a real difference for Oregonians.

Mark Hass has served his constituents in Beaverton and the state of Oregon with great distinction for the last three legislative sessions. In 2001, Governor John Kitzhaber signed into law the Hass Scholarship bill which created incentives for businesses to set up scholarship funds for employees. Making college more affordable is a passion he and I share.

Mark Hass has fought for and secured more high quality early intervention and full day kindergarten in Oregon so our children start off with the tools they need to learn and succeed.

He served as House Whip and as vice-chair on the Revenue Committee where he mentored newly elected legislators and became a strong advocate for restructuring Oregon's tax system.

He returns now to private life and to his family, but we are all better off today because Mark Hass has come forward to serve the State that he loves.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF LUCILLE CRISAFI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mrs. Lucille Crisafi, devoted wife to her late husband, Ralph Crisafi, devoted aunt and great aunt, and dear friend to many. Let us celebrate her life as her friends and loved ones gather in tribute to her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Crisafi grew up in Cleveland's Clark-Fulton neighborhood and later moved to Parma. In 1927, she married Ralph Crisafi. Their shared values of work, faith, family and community were reflected throughout this Westside neighborhood. For many years, Mr. and Mrs. Crisafi owned and operated an appliance store, located on the corner of Clark and Fulton Roads. Although they never had children, they were devoted to their nieces, nephews and the children of the neighborhood, all